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(b) how many magistrates in those districts do not possess any Law degree?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) The Government have not issued any instructions; but one of the qualifications prescribed in the rules for recruitment to the posts of magistrates under the Scheme of Separation is that the candidates should possess a degree in Law.

" (b) None."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the recruitment is done through the Public Services Commission or otherwise? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are there any magistrates without legal qualifications still functioning in the districts where separation has been introduced? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I have already replied that the answer to clause (b) is ' None '."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that in the case of clerks of the High Court who have been appointed to these posts, rules have been relaxed and whether the claims of some sheristadars and Assistant Public Prosecutors who have put in more than 4 years' service have been overlooked? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Merit of individual cases is considered by the High Court and the Public Services Commission, and appointments are made, Sir."

Sale of adulterated milk by the Kasaragode Co-operative Milk Supply Society, Limited.

* 423 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state— 10-40 a.m.

(a) the total amount of loan granted to the Kasaragode Co-operative Milk Supply Society, Limited, by the Central Bank in the year 1952–53;

(b) whether any of the office bearers of the society were prosecuted and convicted for adulteration of milk; and

(c) what steps the Government have taken to prevent a recurrence of such offences?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Nil.

" (b) Yes, Sir. The Secretary and the Joint Secretary of the Society were prosecuted twice under the Food Adulteration Act for the sale of adulterated milk by the society. In the first case, they were convicted by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Kasaragode, and were sentenced to pay a fine of

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Rs. 100 each. But on appeal, they were acquitted. In the second case, they were acquitted by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate himself.

" (c) The quality of milk is being controlled strictly at the time of pooling in the Society by means of lactometer reading and doubtful cases are tested through Gerber's Fat estimator. The society has been instructed to tighten up supervision over milking by the members. The Dairy Assistant, Mangalore, pays surprise visits to the Society and tests samples of pooled milk very frequently in order to prevent attempts at adulteration. To serve as a check against the receipt of adulterated milk in the society, the Board of Directors have made the employees in charge of the pooling of milk responsible for acceptance of any adulterated milk and they have been authorized to reject milk below the standard."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know how many of these convicted persons still continue in service, Sir? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" In both the cases, why were they prosecuted by the Government and acquitted by the Court, Sir? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Both were prosecuted by the Government and in one case, the Sub-Magistrate convicted, but on appeal, it was rejected; in the other case, the Magistrate himself acquitted."

Payment of arrears of bonus to the workers of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode.

* 424 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Government Soap and Oil Factory Workers' Union, Kozhikode, about arrears of bonus due to them for the last three years; and

(*b*) whether the Government have decided to disburse the bonus; and if so, when this will be done?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes. The Government have ordered the payment of bonus to the workers of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, from 1950–51 onwards and to the workers in the Government Oil Factory, Kozhikode, from 1949–50 onwards. Bonus to the workers in the Kerala Soap Institute for 1949–50 has already been paid. The Director of Industries and Commerce has been asked to disburse the bonus before 31st March 1954."